

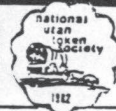


# THE TOKEN HUNTER

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## Next Meeting

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## Raffle

Promptness: 1942 Walker  
Miner's Pool Hall, Copperfield/GF 12 1/2 cents  
Elks Club No. 85, Salt Lake/GF 12 1/2 cents  
(SLC) Joe Green's Tavern.../GF 10 cents  
(SLC) Hollywood Inn.../GF 10 cents  
M. & M., Huntington, Utah/GF 10 cents  
Bicentennial Geo. Wash. 500 fine Gold Piece

## Next Meeting

The November club meeting will be held November 30, at 7:15 p.m. at the Redwood Multi Purpose Center, 3100 South Redwood Road. The speaker will be John Skinner who is scheduled to finish showing his slides on the mining towns in the Oquirrh Mountains. There was so much interest and so many questions the last time he brought his slides that he could only show a portion of them. He may also have a few comments on Boy Scout troops exploring abandoned mine shafts.

Many thanks to Marc Fortin, of Logan, for being a minute man and appearing at the last club meeting to educate us about old marbles. His presentation was not only wonderfully informative, but comforting. I found out that token collectors aren't the only "nuts" out there. From what I learned about the values of some of the antique swirls, and such, I'd say there are some pretty nutty marble collectors as well. Thanks, Marc. (Club members who need information on marbles that they find should look Marc up - see the classifieds in this issue.)

For your information, the December club meeting will be the annual Christmas Dinner/Everybody Wins Raffle. It will be held on December 28 at Chuck-a-Rama. Cost will be \$7.25 per person, which includes the tip. Mark the day on your calendar, the end of December is a busy time of year.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The November meeting will be held the 5th Thursday instead of the regular 4th Thursday. John Skinner is scheduled to bring back his slides on the mining towns of the Oquirrh Mountain range. There was so much interest and so many questions asked last time he brought the slides, that he was only able to show a portion of them.

A big "THANK YOU" to George Thompson for his presentation on stage-coaches at the September meeting. As usual, George done an outstanding job of holding everyone's attention with treasure tales about Gilmer and Salisbury Stagecoach lines. The title of his book is "Throw Down the Box". George also donated a copy of the book to the club. The book will be part of the Christmas dinner prizes.

A big "THANK YOU" to Marc Fortin from Logan who filled in as our speaker at the October meeting. Marc is a dealer in any type old and unusual marbles and toys. Once again the interest in the marbles and the speaker's stories made the meeting very interesting and worthwhile attending. I didn't have any idea that marbles had been as large as some of those that Marc showed us. If you want one of Marc's cards, contact me.

I would like to apologize to Norm and the rest of the members for not getting my letter in to Norm in time for the October Newsletter. I sent it in, but not in time.

Nominations for officers for next year were held at the October meeting and will be open again at the November meeting.

The Christmas dinner will be held at the Chuck-A-Rama on December 28. Cost of the dinner will be \$7.25 per person. Make your reservations at the meeting.

BYRON

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### Let's Show Some Respect

People who speak at club meetings are giving up their time and likely making other sacrifices for us. Yet, some club members sit and gab during the speaker's presentation. This is down right rude! Let's show our appreciation to those who will come and spend an evening with us. Let's show some respect!

Frank Somers



### Token Hunter Notes

Please note that the board considered at its last meeting the fact that something has to give in the newsletter size/dues department. Club dues are supposed to be set to cover the cost of the newsletter only. But, for a couple of years the money the club earns at the annual coin and token show has subsidized the cost of the newsletter. It is unclear how much longer this can go on.

The math is simple. The maximum number of sheets of paper which can be sent in newsletter fashion for a single first class stamp is 6. This means 12 copies per newsletter which, at 5 cents a copy, is 60 cents. If you add 25 cents for a stamp you have 85 cents per issue, times 12 issues is \$10.20 per year. So, we'd have to raise dues to that amount to pay for the newsletter at its present size. This does not count extra copies of the newsletter, given to speakers at club meetings and potential new club members and such; but it also doesn't count the few family memberships that bring in more funds than single memberships.

The board felt that going from \$7.50 for dues to \$10.00 or \$10.50 all at once was too much of a jump. So, the plan right now is to raise the single membership dues to \$9.00, keep the family memberships dues the same, and limit the number of pages in most newsletters to 10 instead of 12. By the way, last's month's edition was 10 pages and you might not have even noticed the difference. If you have strong feelings one way or the other about this please contact a board member (listed on the front page) before the next club meeting and let them know what you are thinking. No final decision has yet been made, so your input will be very valuable. We have not had a dues increase in a number of years. (P.S. If you are wondering where the funds from the coin show go other than to help out with the newsletter, the answer is -- to a number of places including rent for the use of the building for club meetings, raffle prizes, especially for the Christmas dinner, a fund which makes possible the purchase of club medals and patches, our club's dues to belong to the ANA, and so forth.)

### Bill's Bull

As I sit here and think about writing this article, I remember all of the great people I've met (club members and non-members) and neat places I've been because of the club, looking for trade tokens. Putting all of the experiences down on paper would really take some time, and I won't do that. I just hope that I didn't make too many enemies by anything I said or did as a club officer the past three years. Maybe after next year I'll try being an officer again, but I'm not saying yes or no to that right now, I just need a rest. Also, I'm not giving up on the club and hobby I enjoy so much. So, if I can so anything to help the new officers, I will sure try.



Back to what I like writing about - going out and finding tokens. I've been down to last year's hot spot a few times this year. Not much has been said about Frisco this year. It's been turned and dug a lot, but it's still got a few good coins and tokens. We only found one Frisco token on our most recent trip, and it was a maverick (M. J. Taylor). We did find two from Newhouse, a 5 cent and a 25 cent Cactus Club. Also, we found a Milford Liquor House 5 cent, 3 "V" nickels, a 1916 Beaver County dog tag, and a bunch of marbles. So, I'm sure its still out there if a person is willing to take the time and dig a lot. As most of you know by now, to Larry and I its fun and you never know what you're going to find!

I wasn't with my digging partner a week or so ago, but he was down at the dug-out Eureka dump (Ha! Ha!). It's one of those places where you never know what kind of coin or token you'll find. Anyway, Larry found only one token and its a little damaged. But, its out of Fallon, Nevada. Its aluminum, 25 mm, and from the Hotel Watt, GF 12 1/2 cents in trade. That's ok. Its different and something he didn't have.

I better stop writing and turn this over to the editor. Hope you had a good Turkey day.

Bill

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Davich Papers

NAME:

DIAMOND POOL HALL.....Park City Utah  
222 Main Street.

REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #6 (from 1910 to 1914)

The following information was read from this book, which a petition was placed before the City Council on 12-7-1911. M and F Wynn, asked permission to move their place of business from 222 Main Street, to 364 Main Street. Permission was granted by the City council. The exact years of a Saloon being at 222 Main Street, isn't know other than the year of 1911 by the Wynn Brothers, as noted above. Their move to 364 Main Street, would be known as THE PARK BAR. It being one door South of the Julius Frankel Clothing Store.

NOTE: See file folder on the PARK BAR, for further information.



NAME:

DIAMOND POOL HALL

.....Park City Utah

DESCRIPTION OF TOKEN in collection.

OBVERSE: DIAMOND POOL HALL PARK CITY UTAH  
Five dots..... at base of token. Beaded border.

REVERSE: GOOD FOR 25¢ IN TRADE.. Star\* before and star\* after 25¢.  
Beaded border, with scroll detail above 25¢ and scroll detail below 25¢ .

Token is 28 MM in size, and of AL. metal.



NAME:

DIAMOND POOL HALL.....Park City Utah.

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetteer(listing of the Park City Merchants)  
Have zerox copy on file.

DIAMOND POOL HALL: Joe Cortizo and Andy Gomez, for years of 1927 and 1928.

REFERENCE: Utah State Gazetteer(Listing of the Billiard & Pocket Billiard Halls, by towns & cities of Utah.(Have zerox copy on file)

DIAMOND POOL HALL, for years of 1927 and 1928.

REFERENCE: Park City Telephone Directories(Have zerox copies on file)

THE DIAMOND: Phone 169. for the years of 1926-1927-1928-1929.

HANLEY & WHITE: Phone 169 for years of 1925-1926.

REFERENCE: Park City Treasurer Receipt & Disbursement Book(from 1924 to 1936)

John Hanley first paid license on April 1, 1924. Then paid on the following dates:  
7-9-1924...10-4-1924...1-7-1925...4-1-1925...7-1-1925...9-22-1925....1-8-1926.  
Cost of license was \$93.75 per quarter.

NOTE: Years ago I have heard it mention that when Hanley & White operated the Diamond, it was called the "Bucket of Blood" on account of the roughness, etc. at this place of business.

REFERENCE: Park City Treasurer Receipt & Disbursement Book(from 1924 to 1936)

ANDRES GOMEZ, paid a license in October 1926, then on 1-2-1927....4-4-1927.  
Cost of license was \$93.75 per quarter.

NOTE: The Diamond Pool Hall, did carry the address of 222 Main Street.



NAME:

DIAMOND POOL HALL.....Park City Utah  
222 Main Street.

REFERENCE: Park City Municipal Water Works (Bill & Collection Register)  
The following information found in this reference book.

<u>NAME OF OWNER:</u>	<u>TENANT:</u>	<u>YEAR:</u>
FISHER BREWING CO:	PETER BUTKOVICH, Saloon	1913
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FISHER BREWING CO:	SALOON	1915
FISHER BREWING CO:	SALOON	1916
FISHER BREWING CO:	SALOON	1917
FISHER BREWING CO:	VACANT	1918
FISHER BREWING CO:	VACANT	1919-1920
FISHER BREWING CO:	VACANT	1921
FISHER BREWING CO:	JOE BUTKOVICH	1922
FISHER BREWING CO:	JOHN HANLEY	1923 and 1924
FISHER BREWING CO:	DIAMOND POOL HALL	1925
FISHER BREWING CO:	DIAMOND POOL HALL	1926-1927
DAVICH, JOHN	JOHN DAVICH.	1928-1929-1930
DAVICH, JOHN	JOHN DAVICH	1931-1932-1933-1934
DAVICH, JOHN	FRANK TOMLINOVICH	1935-36-1937--
DAVICH, JOHN	VACANT	1939-1940
DAVICH, JOHN	CLOSED	1941-1942-1943-1944

NOTE: This business place did burn down in the huge fire, of 1944.

NOTE:REFERENCE: Park City Recorder Book #8 (from January 1918 to January 1930)

On January 4, 1934, Frank Tomlinovich, was issued a license for 222 Main Street,  
% THE BANK CLUB.



# History revealed in tokens

By DARRIN SMITH  
Citizen Staff Writer

Back in the early 1890s, a little boy in northern Cache Valley got a birthday present from his favorite uncle. It was a brass token and with it he could get a sasparilla at his favorite soda store.

The next day at school, he showed the coin to some of his fourth-grade friends, but somehow during recess the coin slipped out of the boy's pocket and was lost.

That is until nearly a century later.

Recently, a treasure hunter, armed with a metal detector, head phones and special tools, was retracing, in part, some of the little boy's footsteps. Listening closely, he could hear a faint "beep" from the head phones. After moving his detector horizontally, then vertically, he decided it was a good signal from a lost coin.

Carefully cutting a four-inch plug from the lawn of the old schoolyard, he cautiously placed it on a cloth next to him. Looking into the small hole in the lawn, he saw the prize.

"What's this?" he said as he brushed off the dirt.

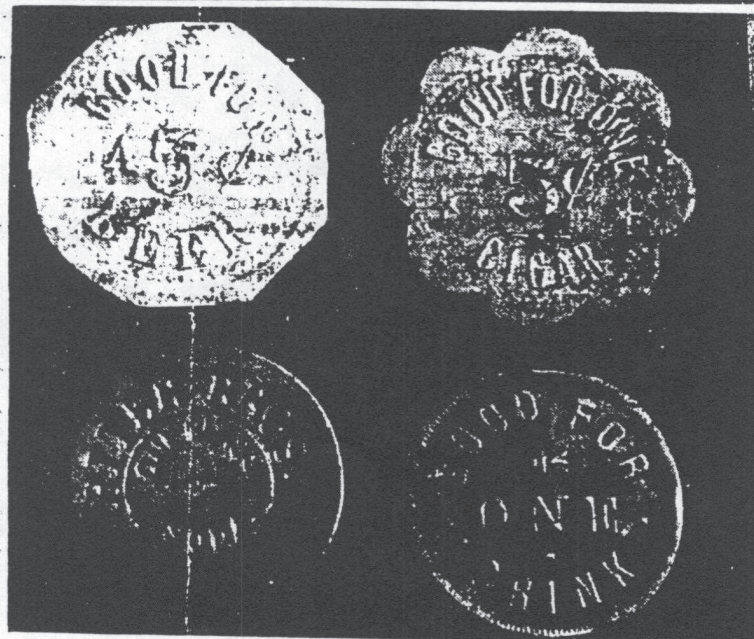
On the funny-looking coin was the inscription, "Riter Brothers. One Glass Soda."

A dozen questions begin to race through the treasure hunter's mind.

"What's this coin worth? Who lost it? What was Riter Brothers?"

This treasure hunter's story is a familiar one to those who enjoy the art of digging up the past.

Research showed the treasure hunter found a token from Riter Brothers Drugstores. They were established in Logan, Garland, Franklin, Preston and Montpelier and later branched out in other towns. The Logan store was where Cache Mortgage is today at 33 North Main.



Citizen Photo By Nelson Wadsworth

Four tokens in Darrin Smith's collection show how customers in Logan could get free beer, drinks, cigars and service.

Because I'm interested in Logan's history, metal detecting is one of my favorite pastimes. That's one reason I formed the SCACHES Club (Conservation Association for Currency, History and Exonumia), a group for detecting enthusiasts. Club members enjoy finding tokens, coins and other treasures that former valley residents lost and left behind.

When I first began this hobby, I had heard about tokens, but I didn't have much knowledge on the subject. I was hoping there were some tokens of Cache Valley still in the ground, in attics or in grandpa's special box, but I didn't know what to look for.

While at an antique show in Salt Lake City, I met Harry Campbell, who has spent 18 years researching, categorizing and lecturing on the art of collecting tokens.

I was all ears as he explained the correlation between merchants and their tokens.

Valley residents may have some exonumia, which is the numismatic word for tokens. Campbell spoke at the Logan City Recreation Center last Friday (see story in adjacent column).

Tokens usually say "good for" something with an accompanying value, such as 2 1/2, 6 1/4 or 12 1/2 cents. Also five, 10, 25 and 50 cents were quite common. Some of this funny money included pennies encased with aluminum with information from the advertiser.

From the 1890s to Utah's prohibition in 1917, a drink of hard liquor was 15 cents for a one-ounce shot. For a quarter, one could get two drinks, making it worth 12 1/2 cents. Often, one would receive the first drink and either a 12 1/2-cent token or a dime and a 2 1/2-cent token could be used for a next shot. Any beer was five cents or two 2 1/2-cent tokens.

J.R. Edwards' Saloon, 15 North Main, where Larsen Haumark is today, put out two different types of known tokens. I've obtained both from two different metal detector enthusiasts. One of these tokens was inscribed with "Good for a 5-cent beer." This incidentally was found across the street on the tabernacle lawn a couple of years ago. Currently, those lawns are off-limits because of some careless detectorists. The other one, of which four are known, is inscribed with "Good for one drink." One of these tokens was found in the March, 1986, opening of the cornerstone at Utah State University.

Edwards, who had a temper, punched the president of the then Utah State Agricultural College in a dispute about Edwards letting college boys into his saloon.

At the turn of the century, Hyrum C. Gardner of Logan Bottling Works manufactured carbonated drinks and ciders. Those ciders were the kind that had the

extra punch. There, Gardner sold both imported and exported cigars. His token, of which two are known to survive, was inscribed with "Good for one 5-cent cigar." Since a good cigar during that period cost 12 1/2 cents, one obviously wasn't getting a premium smoke.

The Gardner token in my possession was found in a Logan park.

Many Cache Valley towns had merchant tokens, but some of the most desirable ones came from Cache Junction. For instance, one is inscribed with "K&S Cache Junction, Utah" on one side and "Good for 5 cents in trade" on the other. K and S stood for Krotzy and Skougard Trading Co., which operated in 1903. The value to a collector for this token is more than \$300.



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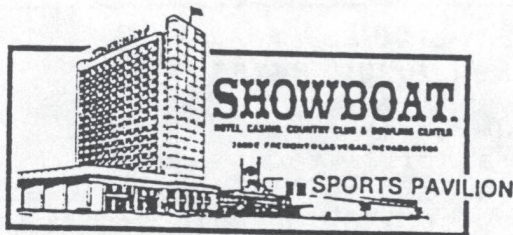
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